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SENATOR DUCHENY TO MEET WITH LOCAL FAMILY'S CAREGIVER WHO WILL BE HIT HARD BY GOVERNOR'S CUTS *Proposed Cuts in State Program could send Elderly and Disabled into Nursing Homes*

SAN DIEGO – As part of a statewide effort to protect California's In Home Supportive Services program (IHSS) from cuts proposed by Governor Schwarzenegger, Senator Denise Ducheny (D-San Diego) will be meeting with a local IHSS recipient and his caregiver on Friday, April 22 to hear their stories. She plans to take their story back to Sacramento to explain to the Governor how his proposed cuts will hurt this families and thousands like them.

The meeting, which is open to the media, will take place at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Ambrosio Gomez at 1828 Donax Avenue in San Diego. Immediately prior to the meeting, Senator Ducheny will hold a news conference outside the Gomez home to oppose the IHSS cuts.

Senator Ducheny will meet with IHSS Client Ambrosio Gomez and his service provider Ernesto Mendiburu, Ambrosio's grandson, to hear from them about how IHSS keeps Ambrosio in his own home and see first hand how the program benefits taxpayers.

IHSS provides personal care services, transportation and house cleaning to eligible low-income elderly, blind, and disabled Californians. These services are provided by paid caregivers, who can include family members, and allow individuals to remain safely in their homes and prevent them from being forced into expensive nursing homes.

Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed a cut in wages to IHSS providers that could mean seniors and people with disabilities lose their caregivers and have to move to more expensive taxpayer-funded care, including nursing homes.

- **Senator Denise Ducheny and IHSS recipient/caregiver**
- **10:00 a.m. Friday April 22**
- **1828 Donax Avenue in San Diego**

Senator Ducheny represents parts of San Diego and Riverside Counties and all of Imperial County.

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